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<015>	Study Area Name	DICKEY RURAL COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
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Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative
Dickey Rural Services, Inc.

Via U.S. Mail, Return Receipt Requested

December 19, 2013

Robert Shepherd, Chairman
Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate of the Lake Traverse Reservation
PO Box 509
Agency Village, SD 5762-0509

Dear Robert Shepherd:

Dickey Rural Networks ("DRN"), an independent telecommunications provider serving the rural southeastern North Dakota area, wishes to engage with the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate Tribal government about broadband availability and opportunities on Tribally-owned lands within our service area. DRN has been providing telecommunications and broadband services to the northwest corner of the Lake Traverse Reservation in North Dakota 1996 and we are interested in learning about any additional telecommunications needs that your community may have.

In November 2011, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) comprehensively reformed the Universal Service Fund (USF) which helps companies like DRN provide state-of-the-art communications services in high-cost and rural areas. Among the reforms, the FCC adopted a rule requiring Eligible Telecommunications Carriers who receive high-cost USF support to engage annually with Tribal leaders about broadband deployment on Tribally-owned lands and report on five specific outreach activities. In July 2012, the FCC's Office of Native Affairs Policy (ONAP) issued specific guidance on outreach and engagement activities between telecommunications providers and Tribal governments, which is why I am contacting you, as I did last year around this time.

DRN is pleased to inform you that our company provides high-speed fiber-to-the-home (FTTH) broadband to 100% of our service area, including any customers located on the Lake Traverse Reservation within our service area. DRN respectfully invites you and other leaders from the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate government to discuss additional ways that we can meet your telecommunications and broadband needs. Specifically, DRN would like to discuss the following items:

- Needs assessment and deployment planning focused on anchor institutions (such as schools, libraries and health centers);
- Feasibility and sustainability planning;

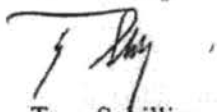
- Marketing services in a culturally sensitive manner;
- Rights of way, permitting, facilities siting, environmental and cultural preservation processes;
- Compliance with Tribal business licensing requirements.

As DRN already provides broadband to 100% of its service area, we believe many of the items above will not require an extensive discussion. However, DRN is interested in learning whether your community has any specific broadband needs that our company may be able to meet, depending on the scope and scale of the project. For example, are there any needs such as distance learning or tele-medicine that DRN could help facilitate? We also want to make sure that we continue to respect your cultural heritage, property rights, business customs, and any other rules and procedures of your government.

DRN is a locally-owned company headquartered in Ellendale, ND, and we have been serving this area for over 60 years. We are dedicated to serving and employing members of our community and we want to ensure that the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate of the Lake Traverse Reservation are served as best as possible.

DRN extends this invitation to set up an in-person meeting or conference call with members of your Tribal government at your earliest convenience. Please contact Troy Schilling at Dickey Rural Networks. We look forward to discussing this important issue with you.

Sincerely,



Troy Schilling
Financial Manager
Dickey Rural Networks
701-344-5000

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